

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I disapprove and am vetoing House Bill No. 172. The bill expands and grants additional powers to the State Soil and Water Conservation Board. It does this, however, in a statute separate from our existing soil and water statutes. It does not amend our present law, but will repeal any of our present law that is determined to be in conflict with this bill. Unfortunately this determination must finally be made by the courts of the State. This process is unnecessary if the present law is specifically amended.

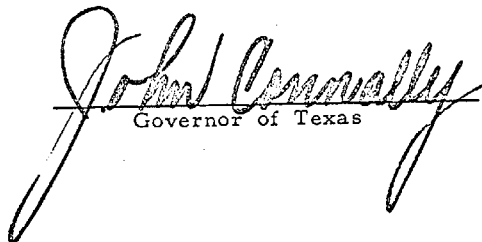
Because of the procedure followed in drafting this bill, the following objections are raised:

1. Section 9 would have the effect of repealing those provisions of Title 128, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended, which provide for State water regulation.
2. The bill has the effect of releasing the State Soil and Water Conservation Board from overall coordinated water planning for the State of Texas.
3. The bill provides for the creation of a special fund which is not to be a part of the State Treasury and it provides that payments from such fund shall be supported only upon vouchers signed by the Executive Director or other designated person of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

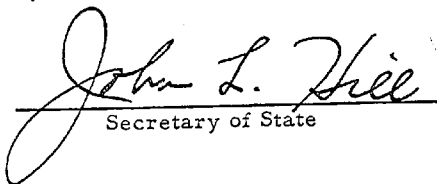
Though there are some meritorious provisions in House Bill 172, I find that I am unable to approve it because of the objections set out above.

House Bill No. 172 was received in the Governor's Office on May 23, 1967, less than 10 days prior to the adjournment of the Regular Session of the 60th Legislature, and in accordance with Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, the Bill, together with this Proclamation, is filed with the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I
have hereunto signed my name
officially and caused the seal of
State to be affixed hereto at
Austin this day of June, 1967.


Governor of Texas

By the Governor:


Secretary of State